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Every Person Interested In Better Farming Should Attend The Farmers Institute, November 9th And 10th

ELECTION IN BARTON.

Republicans Make Gains—Take Two More County Offices.

Tuesday was an ideal day for an election and a large vote was polled, but not nearly as large as was expected, considering that the weather man could not have dished up a finer day for the people to get out and express their opinion. Very few of the townships polled anything like their full vote, and in Great Bend and Hoisington in each place about two hundred less people voted than were registered for the election. A goodly per cent of the votes cast in both this city and Hoisington were from the women and there was also a good woman vote in the most of the country precincts. Over 150 women voted in Ellinwood and Lakin township.

The election was one of surprises to the leaders of all parties. It had been estimated that Murdock and Allen would poll a much larger vote than Curtis and Capper in this county, but the result was the reverse. The vote of Billard for governor, was also a surprise, as it had been estimated that he would not poll over 500 votes at the most, but his total vote for the county was 778. The county ticket was full of surprises. It had been estimated that Brown would be re-elected as sheriff by a good majority, but not even his most optimistic friends expected a majority of 2887. It had also been expected by the leaders of both parties that Yeo, Kellam and Younklin would have close races for their jobs, but each went in with big majorities. Even Russell believed he was defeated in his race for re-election as county attorney, but the return of the votes showed he had over 1100 majority. The Republicans made a gain in the county of two offices by the election of W. L. Bowersox over Mattie Fruit for county superintendent, and of Townsley over McMullen for county printer.

The following are some of the unofficial results:

United States Senator—Curtis 1250, Neeley 2494, Murdock 1070.
For Governor—Allen 816, Capper 1627, Hodges 1642, Billard 778.
For Congressman, Dawson 1991, Shouse 1917, Simmons 929.
For Representative, Zutavern 2631, Maybach 2302.
For County Clerk, Younklin 2738, Beardsley 2348.
For County Treasurer, Schwager 2834, Brown 2088.
For Register of Deeds, Yeo 3337, Gerloff 1741.
For County Attorney, Russell 3055, Carroll 1939.
For Probate Judge, Hall 3763, Wilkinson 1336.
For Sheriff, Brown 4026, Coss 1139.

SHOOTING AFFAIR AT OLMITZ.

Word was phoned to Sheriff Brown here Tuesday that Dr. Atkin had shot and seriously wounded Albert Weigel at Olmitz, and Deputy Sheriffs Watt O'Connell and Ed Brown were at once sent to the place to put Atkin under arrest and he was brought here and lodged in the county jail. Weigel was shot in the calf of the leg with a 22-rifle and not seriously injured, but it is claimed he was tired at several times. Dr. Atkin claims that he was shooting at birds for a target and that he did not intend to hit Weigel, and it may be that the affair will be arraigned out of court and no prosecution will follow. It is said that the affair was the result of a family affair and that both men had been drinking. Weigel has been in trouble before.

DEDICATION SERVICES.

The public is cordially invited to the dedicatory services at the Brethren church, eleven miles northwest of Great Bend, on Sunday, November 15th. Elder Yoder dean of the Brethren college at McPherson, will re-dedicate the church at this time and the dedicatory sermon will be delivered at 10 o'clock a. m., after which there will be a basket dinner and at 2 p. m. a sermon on the "Influence of the Country Church" will be delivered. The public is invited to both of these meetings.

LOST.

Last Saturday, a small pocket-book containing a \$10 bill, Finder please leave at this office or phone 282 Black and receive reward.

MARRIAGE LICENSES.

Marriage licenses were issued by Probate Judge Hall during the past week as follows: On October 31st, to P. A. Walker, aged 28, and Miss Ora Seever, both of Lyndon, Kans. On November 3rd to Chester Rose, aged 24, of Great Bend, and Miss Mary Krkosska, aged 17, of Ellinwood. On November 4th, to E. R. Foster, aged 24, and Miss Ina L. Davis, aged 24, both of Great Bend, and also to Joseph Rous, aged 28, of Claflin, and Miss Mary L. Lanzl, aged 19, of Guthrie, Okla.

For Coroner, Haas 2642, McCauley 2255.

For County Superintendent, Bowersox 2835, Fruit 2284.

For Clerk of District Court, Kellam 3368, Dirks 1726.

For County Printer, Townsley 2432, McMullen 2396.

On the latter office the 2nd ward of Hoisington is still to be heard from, as is also the out of town vote for all officers, but the chances are that these will not change the result.

BROUGHT BACK FOR TRIAL.

Tom White and Lou McCurley to Be Tried For Murder Here Soon.

Tommy White and Lou McCurley, one a confessed murderer and the other implicated as an accomplice of the murder of the Morgan trio near Heizer some time ago, were brought here from Hutchinson this morning and lodged in the Barton county jail where they will be held until their case comes up for trial in the district court. They have been kept in the Reno county jail ever since their arrest as the officers feared mob violence should they be brought back to this place, but there is no danger of an occurrence of that kind. The Hutchinson Gazette of Friday morning has the following regarding the couple:

Sheriff W. M. Brown, of Barton county, and Deputy J. E. Murry left this morning on Santa Fe train No. 11 for Great Bend with Lou McCurley and Tommy White charged with the murder of Lee Morgan, a farmer who lived near Heizer, Mayme McQuillan, his house keeper, and Clarence McGugin, a young farm hand.

Court convenes at Great Bend next week and it was desirable to have the prisoners—one a confessed slayer—in Great Bend ready for trial. Feeling against the murderers has greatly abated according to Sheriff Brown who deemed it perfectly safe to take the two young men back so near the scene of the crime. They have been confined in the Reno county jail ever since their arrest, there being considerable feeling against them in Great Bend. Mob violence had been threatened.

Neither one of the boys has displayed a great deal of anxiety while here. They laugh and chat with visitors as though theirs was a petty crime. McCurley still maintains his innocence and declared before he left this morning that he would "go to the pen an innocent man."

Local officials are confident of McCurley's guilt, there being absolutely no advantage or motive for White implicating the boy if he is innocent. McCurley admits there was never any bad feeling between he and White and says he knows no reason why White brought him into it, unless it was to throw the bulk of the blame on another party.

The two had not been together since the night McCurley was brought here from Iowa after a long hunt. White again told McCurley he was even more guilty than he (White) but McCurley denied it.

Fred Gunn and Will Ullery were visitors from west of town Thursday.

YOEMEN HOME COMING A SUCCESS.

All day long the children's song: Yoemen, Yoemen, join us folks, you'll make no mistake, it's the coming order of the United States.

Representatives and candidates from all over the state attended the Yoemen home-coming which took place here Saturday, October 31st. Everyone who attended it was well pleased with the work.

Promptly at 1:30 the parade was formed headed by Romminger and Palmer, district managers, followed by Yoemen, float decorated in Yoemen colors, in which the speakers of the day rode. They marched north on Main street to Forest avenue and after making a few fancy drills, all were arranged for circuit photo.

The afternoon program was attended by six hundred people and Yoemen was explained in such a manner by such practical men, that everyone who attended was pleased both by the entertainment and solid plan of Yoemanry.

The meeting was opened by the district deputy, C. J. Palmer, acting as chairman, the entire audience singing the opening ode, followed in prayer by Rev. Westwood. In the absence of the mayor, Judge Charles E. Lobdell welcomed the strangers to his city.

Wisdom of Yoemanry was explained by Rev. Marrows, of Larned. Next came the charity of Yoemanry by Elmer E. Deal, state manager from Kansas City, Kans.

In harmony with the occasion sweet strains of music were furnished by Mrs. Wolfseberg playing the piano and Mrs. C. J. Palmer the violin.

The drill teams, consisting of forty children, then contested for the prize, Hoisington being awarded first and Larned second.

Grand Master of Ceremonies Mr. Slaffcup, from Des Moines, Iowa, then took the floor and prolection was explained as being the great feature of the society. After this some very beautiful music was furnished by the young ladies' quartet of Great Bend. The meeting was then closed in prayer by Rev. Marrows.

In the evening one hundred and eight candidates had the pleasure of riding one of the blackest goats ever in the lodge room.

This function will long be remembered by the citizens of Great Bend, and the Yoemen are here to stay. A great many old members have resided here for years, but only a few of them really understood what an honor it was to be a holder of such a certificate until the actual plans of this order were made public.

The ritualistic works was exemplified by the Hutchinson degree team and the Sterling drill team in such a manner as to reflect the utmost credit to our society.

Next meeting night will be Friday, November 6, in the I. O. O. F. hall and all Yoemen are requested to be present at 8:00 p. m. for a large class adoption.

YOUNG MEN AND YOUNG WOMEN.

Let the young men and young women from the farms come out and make the Farmers' Institute a live one. It is for you in the main that this organization exists. Make it your organization. Make the programs what you want and introduce a social that will bring the best young people of the county together for mutual profit and pleasure.

Miss Katie Jordan came down from Larned Saturday evening and spent Sunday with her aunt, Mrs. Chas. E. Ohmart, and family.

Mrs. Howard Diefenbacher, who has been visiting with her sister, Mrs. W. C. Alden, in Pueblo, for the past few months, returned to her home here the latter part of last week.

Now is a good time to get that Symplex Straw Spreader. We have a number of them out. Drop in and we will take you out to where one is operating. Seeing is believing. It does perfect work. You will find them at WILCOX'S.

Miss Mary Keenan entertained a number of friends at her home west of town Tuesday complimentary to Mrs. Fannie Chinary, who is here from Pittsburgh, Pa., for a visit with old friends. A most enjoyable time is reported by all of the guests.

STILL IN THE RING.

Although the results of the election on Tuesday so far show that the Democrat man was defeated for a second term as County Printer, yet he has the satisfaction of knowing that his campaign was absolutely clean in every way, and there is not a single instance of which he has cause to regret or to be ashamed, and while he received a mighty black eye in some precincts where he had cause to believe he should receive substantial majorities, yet the sore spots on his person are conspicuous by their absence, for the Democrat man believes in the principles of Democracy, and one of the main points of this is that the people shall rule, and undoubtedly the man who was the one the people thought best was selected. The Democrat man sincerely appreciates the fine vote received from the people of Great Bend, the Republican stronghold of the county. Two years ago the Republican candidate received a majority of 328 in this city, but that number was reduced to 120 on Tuesday, and this vote was especially appreciated from the fact that it was practically unsolicited, as not over three hours in all was devoted to campaigning the people of Great Bend. There's a whole lot of satisfaction in receiving a nice vote from the people where you are well known, and especially where the great majority is of a different political faith.

Hats at reduced prices all this week, at Mrs. Riley's.

Mike Mead was in Dodge City this week to look after his real estate interests.

George Sprague was here this week for a visit with old friends and to attend to some business matters. He is now a resident of Reno county.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Feder came out from Topeka the first of the week to cast their vote in the election. Mr. Feder returned to Topeka Wednesday but Mrs. Feder remained for a short visit with relatives and friends.

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PROGRAM.

Monday Morning:—
9:00—Placing Exhibits.
10:20—The Young Farmer and the Farmers' Institute—General discussion.
11:00—Feeding Problems of 1914. C. H. Taylor, Kansas State Agricultural College.

Monday Afternoon:—

1:15—Judging Horses—C. H. Taylor.
1:50—The Most Practical Farm Horse—Arthur Rasely, George Hoffmaster.
2:20—Possibilities in Poultry Raising—Mrs. Fred Amrine.
2:40—School Lunches—Miss Ada Howell.
3:00—Every-day Cookery—Miss Stella Mather, Kansas State Agricultural College.

TUESDAY MORNING

9:00—Judging Exhibits.
10:00—Practical Needs, General Discussion.
10:20—Are Hogs Profitable?—Sam Gwinn.
10:40—The Value of Buttermilk as a Hog-feed—C. P. Ayers.
11:00—Handling Hogs for Profit—C. H. Taylor.
11:45—Business Meeting.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON.

1:15—Judging Beef Cattle—C. H. Taylor.
1:30—My Choice in the Cattle Industry—Tom Taylor.
2:50—My Choice in the Cattle Industry—Harry Dahm.
2:10—The Dual Purpose Cow, and the Silo—W. H. Maybach.
2:40—Habits in Children—Mrs. L. M. Wilcox.
3:40—The Attractive Home—Miss Mather.

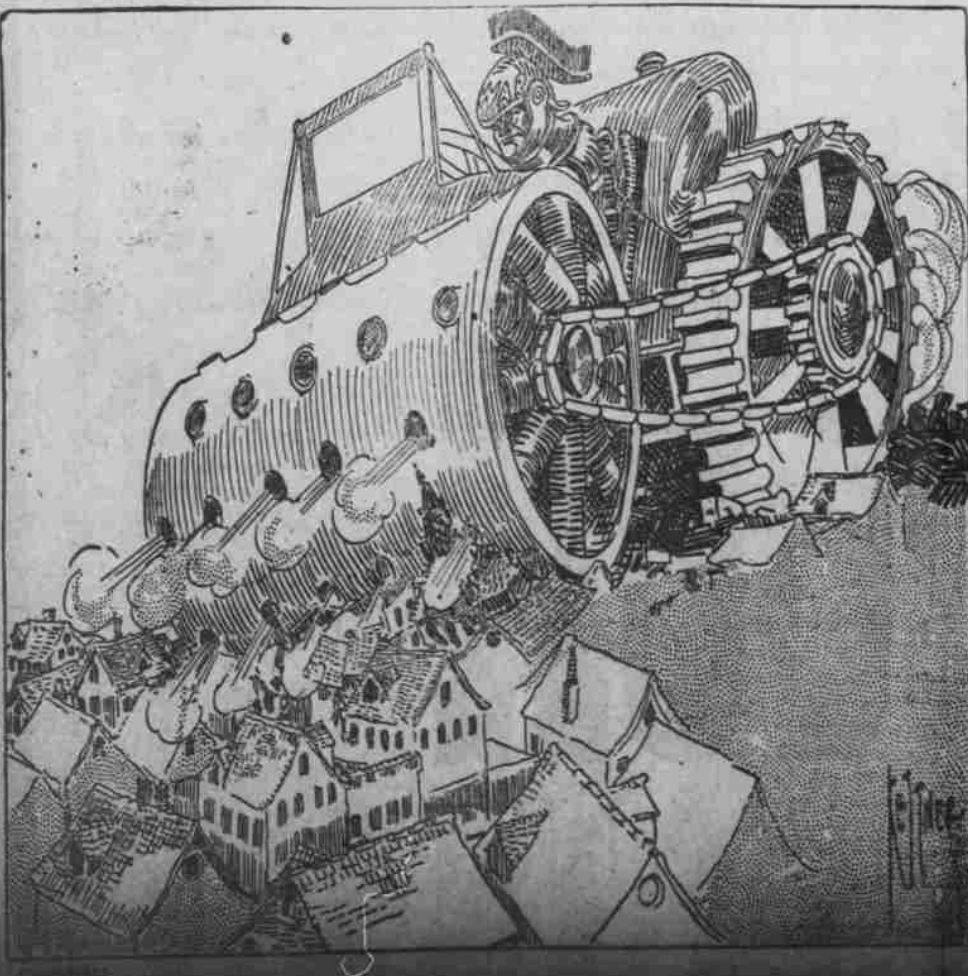
WOMEN'S MEETING

Monday Afternoon.

1:15—Business Meeting.
1:30—Why Young Women on Farms Should Organize.—General Discussion.
1:45—Boys' and Girls' Clubs—Jennie B. Momyer.
2:00—Household Conveniences—Miss Mather.

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